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(SBU) The DCM delivered reftel demarche to Spanish MFA Political Director Rafael Dezcallar on April 21. Dezcallar sought to clarify the Spanish position, stating that Spain does not oppose an eventual role for the OSCE inside Afghanistan, and that indeed such a role would be the ideal end result of OSCE involvement. However, in the immediate term, Spain would support initial efforts to develop the project outside and along the Afghan borders before putting a presence on the ground within Afghanistan. Dezcallar said that the security risks of working in Afghanistan were an obvious concern at such an early stage in the project's development. Nevertheless, OSCE involvement in Afghan border issues without an eventual physical presence in Afghanistan would be counter-intuitive.  
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